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SUBJECT: MARIFLOR PARPAN CASE

REF: MANILA 1972

1. ACCORDING ATENEO DE MANILA FACULTY MEMBERS, ATENEO PRESIDENT FR. JOSE CRUZ SUCCEEDED IN CALLING ON DETAINEE MARIFLOR PARPAN ON MORNING OF FEB 10. CONTRARY TO EARLIER REPORTS (REFTEL), MS. PARPAN TURNED OUT TO BE AT BONIFACIO (NOT OLIVAS).. SHE APPEARED IN EXCELLENT SHAPE AND TOLD CRUZ THAT HER TREATMENT HAS BEEN GOOD. (UNLIKE MOST OTHER DETAINEES, MS. PARPAN HAS OWN ROOM).

2. FR. CRUZ SUBSEQUENTLY DELIVERED "MILD LECTURE" TO MILITARY OFFICER IN CHARGE (COL. PATALEJA - PHONETIC) TO THE EFFECT THAT IF PARPAN HAD BEEN ALLOWED VISITORS (WHICH SHE HAS NOT UP TO NOW) RUMORS WOULD NOT GET STARTED.

3. IN SPEARATE MOVE, FATHER JAMES DONELAN (AMERICAN JESUIT PROFESSOR AT ASIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT WHO IS FIRST LADY'S CONFESSOR) APPROACHED HER DIRECTLY RE STATUS OF MS. PARPAN. MRS. MARCOS REPLIED, "OF COURSE WE HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING TO HER--WE ARE JUST
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HOLDING HER," OR WORDS TO THAT EFFECT.

4. JESUIT PROVINCIAL SECRETARY HAS CONFIRMED SUBSTANCE
OF ABOVE TO LABATT.

5. COMMENT: PARPAN EPISODE IS SIGNIFICANT IF ONLY AS
EXAMPLE OF DEGREE TO WHICH CURRENT ATMOSPHERE FOSTERS
RUMORS. DONELAN APPROACH TO FIRST LADY SUGGESTS SHE
HAS RATHER PRECISE KNOWLEDGE OF DETENTIONS.
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